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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY TO THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Subject: Project CONTEXT

1. Reference your memorandum, 21 August 1975, in which CONTEXT was described and participation in the project was requested.
2. The Operations Directorate will be pleased to participate in Project CONTEXT. My representative in this matter is Captain Ralph L. Spaulding, USN, telephone 697-7306.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ray B. Sitton", is positioned above the typed name and title.

RAY B. SITTON
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director for Operations

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1975

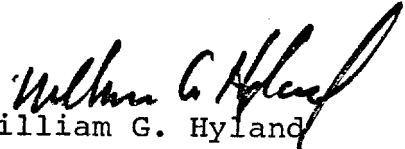
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Samuel V. Wilson, Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence
Community

Subject: Project CONTEXT

Reference: Your Memorandum
of August 21, 1975

INR would be pleased to participate in the CONTEXT project. Our representative is Mr. William Berry, Director of the Office of Communications and Information Handling (RCI), who has already been in contact with the intelligence community staff members concerned with the project.


William G. Hyland

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

21 AUG 1975

Intelligence Community Staff

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William G. Hyland
Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

Lieutenant General Daniel O. Graham
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

Lieutenant General Ray B. Sitton, USAF
J-3, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Att: Major General H. S. Cunningham, USA
Deputy Director for Command and Control

1. The Intelligence Community Staff, through the USIB/Intelligence Information Handling Committee, and NSA, through the National Sigint Operations Center, are working together to develop and test a prototype text conferencing system designated Project CONTEXT. The purpose of this system is to provide a remote conferencing capability, for use especially in time-sensitive situations, utilizing a secure-voice system in conjunction with the visual communication of text material via a computer terminal. It is contemplated that this system will be of value to USIB Principals and watch centers in crisis situations as well as of continuing use to National Intelligence Officers and intelligence analysts.

2. Initial development and testing has been conducted between the CIA Headquarters building and NSA at Fort Meade. We now hope to extend the system to include the State Department and a co-located station for DIA and JCS (J-3). If this meets with general agreement each of the four locations eventually will be equipped with a dedicated secure voice speaker phone, a CRT terminal and data storage device, a printer connected to the CRT terminal and a large-screen CRT monitor. Funding to equip these four initial stations will be assumed by the Intelligence Community Staff. Individual agencies will assume the incidental costs of the conferencing space for this installation.

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3. I am requesting your agreement to participation in this project and the designation of a representative from your agency with whom our project manager, [REDACTED] may work in developing this system.

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Samuel V. Wilson
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

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